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— ET ARTES TRANS MARE CURRUNT.

THE advantages arising to mankind from learning are so evident, that all civilized societies, both ancient and modern, have ever given the greatest encouragement to the promotion of it, and ever held it in the highest veneration and esteem. As this is not to be acquired but by a liberal education, together with the use of valuable books, the Charleston Library Society having both these points in view, must appear in a very favourable light to all who have the least degree of generous regard for the welfare and happiness of posterity.

ALTHOUGH any attempt to enumerate or recommend the benefits of education may appear superfluous, yet the following most obvious contrast, cannot fail to make the strongest impressions in favour of our undertaking: Let any person of common consideration and

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humanity, take a serious view of the Indian-inhabitants of this extensive continent, and it will be impossible for him to reflect without very mortifying sentiments, how little human nature uncultivated differs from the brute; on the other hand, with what exalted pleasure will he contemplate the splendid figure which Great-Britain, the admiration and envy of the world, at present makes when compared with it's rude and savage state in the days of Julius Cæsar? And who without the most melancholy reflections can cast his eye on the ancient state of Babylon, Egypt and Greece, those seats of empire, those fountains of learning and nurseries of arts and sciences, and from thence turn to their present miserable condition, oppressed with slavery, their learning extinct, their arts banished by successive inundations of barbarians?

As the gross ignorance of the naked Indian must raise our pity, and his savage disposition our horror and detestation, it is our duty as men, our interest as members of a community, to take every step, pursue every method in our power, to prevent our descendants from sinking into a similar situation. To obviate this possible evil, and to obtain the desirable end of handing down the European arts and manners to the latest times, is the great aim of the members of this Society, who are ambitious of approving themselves worthy of their Mother country, by imitating her humanity, as well as her industry, and by transporting from her, the improvements in the finer, as well as in the interior, arts. Desirous therefore that this laudable ambition may be as extensive as the province, they invite every lover of his country, every well wisher to posterity, to join with them in promoting the good purposes intended by this Society, of which the following is a brief account.

In the year 1748, some young gentlemen, by contribution among themselves, imported a few books and pamphlets, chiefly for amusement. From this small beginning they soon perceived the great advantages their scheme might be of if prosecuted with spirit and enlarged in it's plan, to which finding themselves unequal, they proposed to supply the defect by inviting others to associate with them,

They were soon joined by many lovers and encouragers of science; a public library was projected, which met with great applause, and was countenanced by the first people of the place, who became members of the infant Society, extended it's plan to the endowing an academy to encourage men of literature to reside among us and institute youth in the several branches of liberal education.

In the year 1754, application was made to the legislature for a charter of incorporation, and an act was passed for that purpose, which was not to have effect until it received his Majesty's approbation.

This act being sent to England for the Royal assent, was, by the care and diligence of James Crockatt, Esq; merchant in London, and then Agent for this province, ratified and confirmed by the Lords Justices in Council, the 24th of June, 1755, his Majesty being at that time out of the kingdom; and here let it be gratefully remembered, that Mr. Crockatt very generously declined receiving any consideration from the Society for all the trouble and expence he was at in getting this matter transacted. The instrument of Royal confirmation, however, unfortunately did not arrive here till upwards of eighteen months afterwards, having been lost by the Blanford man of war's falling into the hands of the French, on her passage from England. This disappointment was attended with consequences almost fatal to the Society; the rules having as yet no legal sanction were but indifferently complied with; the weekly contributions were not always regularly paid up; books were often kept from the library beyond the time limited; the spirit of the Society flagged, and was on the very brink of dissolution, when it received new life from the arrival of an exemplification of that instrument, which his Excellency Governour Lyttelton ordered immediately to be published. This gentleman soon after did honour to the Society by becoming a member thereof, and at the next anniversary meeting was unanimously elected President. Under his protection and patronage the rules were revised, ratified and duly observed; and the Society became established on a firm and respectable footing.

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At the COUNCIL-CHAMBER, WHITEHALL, the
24th Day of June, 1755.

P R E S E N T

The L O R D S J U S T I C E S,

Lord CHANCELLOUR, Lord STEWARD, Duke of DORSET,
Sir THOMAS ROBINSON;

Lord PRESIDENT,	Lord BERKLEY of Stratton,
Duke of QUEENSBERRY,	Lord Chief Justice RYDER,
Earl of BUCKINGHAMSHIRE,	Sir GEORGE LEE,

WHEREAS the Governour of his Majesty's Province of South-Carolina, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in May 1754, pass an Act which hath been transmitted in the words following, viz.

' A N A C T

For incorporating the CHARLESTOWN LIBRARY SOCIETY.

WHEREAS several of the inhabitants of this province taking into their consideration their remote situation from the kingdom of Great-Britain, by means whereof they and their fellow-subjects in the said province are in a great measure destitute of the advantages which are to be reaped from the knowledge of the li-

beral arts and sciences, and that an access to good and useful libraries might, in some measure, supply the want thereof, did, on or about the month of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty-eight, enter into a voluntary society for erecting a Library, and raising a fund for establishing an Academy at Charlestown, in the province aforesaid, and have, at a considerable expence, purchased, and imported into the province aforesaid, a valuable collection of useful books, for the advancement and furtherance of knowledge and literature therein; which undertaking, they hope, may, in time, if duly encouraged and properly established, be of the greatest advantage and importance to the religious as well as the civil concerns of the said province, and are desirous of having the said Society incorporated, thereby to put them upon a more solid and lasting foundation than they could be by their voluntary subscriptions only; for promoting therefore so good a work, We humbly pray your most sacred Majesty, that it may be enacted, And, **Be it Enacted**, by his Excellency JAMES GLEN, Esquire, Governour in chief and Captain-General in and over your Majesty's Province of South Carolina, by and with the advice and consent of your Majesty's council, and the Assembly of the said province, and by the authority of the same, that Gabriel Manigault, Esq; President, Thomas Smith, Esq; Vice-President, Mr. John Sinclair, Librarian, Treasurer and Correspondent, Mr. John Remington, Secretary, Mr. Rice Price, Steward, the present officers, and the rest of the present members of the said Charlestown Library Society, having been duly elected, and being now members of the said Society, and all such other persons as shall be hereafter duly admitted or become members of the said Charlestown Library Society, according to the rules, orders and constitutions of the said Society, shall for ever hereafter be, and they are hereby declared to be, One Body Corporate and Politic in deed and in name, by the name of the CHARLESTOWN LIBRARY SOCIETY; and by that name shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, have perpetual succession, and shall for ever hereafter, by that name, be a body, able and capable in law, to purchase, have, hold, receive, take, retain, possess and enjoy them, and to their successors for ever, lands,

• tenements, rents, franchises and hereditaments, in fee-simple, not
 • exceeding, in the whole, the clear yearly value of One thousand
 • pounds lawful money of Great-Britain; and also goods and chattels,
 • real or personal effects and things whatsoever, of what nature, kind
 • or quality soever, by donation, subscription, or otherwise howsoever;
 • and also to give, grant, sell, alien, convey away, exchange, demise,
 • or lease the same, or any part thereof, as they and their successors
 • shall think proper and convenient; and, for the benefit and ad-
 • vantage of the said society, and, according to the rules, laws and
 • orders thereof; and, by the same name, shall be, for ever hereafter,
 • a body able and capable to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded,
 • answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in all or any
 • court or courts, or other places, and before any judges, justices,
 • and other persons whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, com-
 • plaints, pleas, causes and things whatsoever, and of what nature or
 • kind soever, which shall to them in any wise belong or appertain,
 • in and about the premises.

• **II. And be it further Enacted** by the authority aforesaid, That
 • it shall and may be lawful for the said Charlestown Library Society,
 • and their successors, from time to time, and at all times for ever
 • hereafter, to have one Common Seal for their use and benefit, with
 • full power to change, alter, break and make new the same, when
 • and so often as they shall judge expedient, necessary and convenient.

• **III. And be it further Enacted** by the authority aforesaid,
 • That it shall and may be lawful for the said society or corporation,
 • hereby erected, and their successors, to assemble and meet together
 • on every second tuesday in January, every year, and at such other
 • times as there shall be occasion, at the place where their library shall
 • be kept, or at some other convenient place at Charlestown aforesaid,
 • due and public notice being given, at least thirty days, by the
 • secretary of the said society, in the public Gazette, or for want
 • of such Gazette, by his affixing and posting advertisements at the
 • most usual and notorious places in Charlestown aforesaid, before
 • the times of such meetings, of the causes thereof, and of the matters
 • to be transacted, at such meeting; and that they the said society

‘ or corporation and their successors; or any Thirty-one of them;
‘ being to met, shall have full power and authority, from time to
‘ time, to make, constitute and establish such and so many by-laws,
‘ rules and orders, as to the greatest part of them then present, shall
‘ seem necessary and convenient, for the better regulation, govern-
‘ ment, well ordering and directing the said corporation or society;
‘ and the officers, servants and persons by them employed, or to be
‘ employed, in or about the same; and for the better management,
‘ limiting and appointing of all and singular the trusts and autho-
‘ rities in them, and each of them, reposed and to be reposed, and
‘ for the admission of new members into the said society; and for the
‘ doing, managing and transacting all things necessary for and con-
‘ cerning the government of the said society or corporation, and the
‘ same by-laws, rules and orders to put in use and execution accord-
‘ ingly; and the same again, at their will and pleasure, to alter,
‘ change, revoke or annul; all which said by-laws, rules and orders,
‘ so to be made as aforesaid, shall be binding on every member of
‘ the said society or corporation, and be, from time to time, by them
‘ and each of them, punctually and inviolably observed, according
‘ to the tenour and effect thereof, under the several pains, penalties,
‘ and disabilities, therein expressed; fixed, appointed or declared,
‘ provided that the same shall be reasonable and not contrary or re-
‘ pugnant to the laws and statutes of the kingdom of Great Britain,
‘ or of this Province.

‘ IV. And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid,
‘ That all and every the matters and the things that shall be moved,
‘ debated and done, in or by the said corporation, shall be done,
‘ transacted, ordered and determined, according to the by-laws, rules
‘ and orders of the said corporation, and not otherwise.

‘ V. And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid,
‘ That the aforesaid society or corporation, and their successors, or
‘ the majority of them, who shall be present, and together assembled,
‘ at the place or places aforesaid, shall once in every year, that is to
‘ say, on the second tuesday in January, elect and chuse from amongst

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‘ themselves, a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Correspondent and Steward, or any other officer or officers, necessary for the managing, better ordering and transacting the affairs and business of the said society; and that the said officers, so to be elected and chosen, shall continue in their said respective offices, for one whole year and no longer, unless they shall be with their own consent again elected and chosen, by the said corporation.

‘ VI. And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for the encrease and preservation of the said library, and the better to enable the society and corporation aforesaid to support and carry into execution the good and laudable designs and purposes aforesaid, that every person that now is, or shall hereafter become a member of the said society or corporation, his and their executors and administrators shall, and they are obliged to, pay into the hands of the treasurer of the said society or corporation for the time being within six months after the same shall become due, all such sum and sums of money yearly, and at such days and times, as by the rules and by-laws and constitutions of the said society or corporation, hereby erected and established, are or shall be appointed and directed; and for neglect or default in the payment thereof, or any part of the same, shall be subject and liable to forfeit all right, title, benefit and interest in the said society or corporation; Provided always that the said sum to be paid as aforesaid, for admission of each of the members of the said society, do not exceed the clear yearly sum of Two pounds and twelve shillings proclamation-money.

‘ VII. And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall not take place or be in force until his Majesty’s royal approbation thereof shall be known.

‘ JAMES MICHIE, Speaker.

‘ In the Council-Chamber, 8th May, 1754.

‘ ASSENTED TO,
JAMES GLEN.’

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AND WHEREAS the said Act together with a Representation from the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations thereupon, having been referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the Lords of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council for Plantation Affairs, the said Lords of the Committee did this Day report their Opinion to the Lords Justices, That the said Act was proper to be approved. The Lords Justices taking the same into Consideration, were pleased, with the advice of his Majesty's Privy-Council, to declare their Approbation of the said Act; and, pursuant to the Lords Justices Pleasure thereupon expressed, **the said Act is hereby Confirmed, finally Enacted and Ratified accordingly,** Whereof the Governour and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Province of South-Carolina for the Time being, and all others whom it may concern, are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

W. S H A R P E.

RULES AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
CHARLESTON LIBRARY SOCIETY:

ENACTED and finally RATIFIED the fourth Day of OCTOBER,
ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE.

R U L E I.

THIS SOCIETY shall have ~~FOUR~~ General MEETINGS in the year; to wit, on the ~~third~~ ^{third} ~~wednesday~~ ^{wednesday} in every January, which shall be the society's ANNIVERSARY MEETING, and on the ~~3rd~~ ^{3rd} Wednesdays in ~~march, June, and September~~. ^{altered} And at every general meeting of the society, the President, Vice-President, or other member chosen to preside, shall take the Chair at ~~one~~ ^{one} o'clock; and every member residing in Charleston, who shall not attend at the said hour, shall for every such failure, forfeit the sum of One Shilling and Six Pence sterling money of the State of South-Carolina, unless he shall make, at the next general meeting, a sufficient excuse to be approved of by a majority of the members then present.

II.

At every meeting of this society, after the President has taken the chair, he shall first order the Rules to be read, then the minutes of the last meeting. The first thing to be taken into the consideration of the society shall be the reports of Committees, then, article by article, all other business as they stand on the minutes. The society is then to

proceed to ballot for any candidates regularly proposed, and afterwards debate upon all matters in course as they are offered by any of the members present.

III.

WHEN any member speaks, he is to address himself, standing, to the president; and if two or more offer to speak together, the president, shall determine who is to speak first.

IV.

At every anniversary meeting, the members met shall, by a majority of votes, elect a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Correspondent, Librarian, and Steward, for the ensuing year.

V.

THE PRESIDENT shall, at all meetings of this society, keep regularity and decency, sum up all debates and put questions, call for all reports of committees, and accounts from the treasurer and others; cause to be summoned all extraordinary meetings of the society upon any emergency, and take care to see that all the rules be strictly put into execution. The VICE PRESIDENT shall be invested with the same powers in the absence of the President; and in case of the absence of both, the members met at any general or extraordinary meeting of the society shall, by a majority of votes, elect one of their own number to preside for that time.

VI.

THE TREASURER shall, immediately upon his election into his office, take into his custody, all the ready money, bonds and other securities belonging to the society, a schedule of which shall then be made out and signed by him. He shall give bond to the society for double the value of the monies, bonds and other securities, then delivered into his

hands, with proper conditions annexed thereunto, to be accountable for and deliver the same, together with all other monies or effects belonging to the society that may come into his hands during his treasurership, to the order of the society, or the next succeeding treasurer, fire and other inevitable accidents excepted. He shall give receipts for all monies paid to him for the society's use upon any account whatever, which receipts shall bind the society; and shall disburse all monies payable by the society, of which he shall keep fair, regular accounts. He shall, by himself or deputy, attend at all general meetings of the society, to receive the contributions and arrears of the members; and when summoned by the committee shall lay before them all his accounts and vouchers to be audited and examined.

VII.

THE SECRETARY shall attend all general and extraordinary meetings of the society, and also all committees; take down all minutes, read all letters and papers, and enter all proceedings of the society, and of committees in their respective books, to wit, the Society's Journal-Book, Committee's Minute-Book, and Copy-Book of Letters, which books shall hereafter be lodged in the library, and the librarian shall be accountable for the same. He shall advertise all general and extraordinary meetings; copy and forward all letters written in the society's name; and keep an exact account of the names, times of admission, fines, forfeitures, and arrears of the members, their death or dismissal from the society. As the society's CORRESPONDENT he is to forward all letters, and lists of books or instruments agreed to be sent for; and copy all invoices and accounts from the society's bookseller or others; and upon receipt of any parcel of books or instruments, he shall deliver them to the librarian, taking his receipt for the same. As a satisfaction for executing his office, he shall receive an annual stipend, such as shall be adjudged by a majority of the members at every anniversary meeting.

VIII.

THE LIBRARIAN shall take into his custody all the books, instruments, and other effects of that nature belonging to the society, and also every parcel of books or instruments from time to time delivered to him by the secretary, for which he shall give receipts. He shall, once in every year, enter into bond with sufficient security to the society for double the value of the books and effects delivered into his charge, with proper conditions annexed to said bond, to be accountable for and deliver the same, together with all other books and effects belonging to the society, that may in the mean time be lodged in his custody, to the order of the society or the next succeeding librarian, fire and other inevitable accidents excepted. He shall, by himself, or deputy, *altered* give punctual attendance in the library every day from the hour of ~~ten~~ ^{ten} till ~~two~~ ^{two} P. M. (*Sundays and Holidays excepted*) to deliver out books to the members; of which books he shall keep an exact account, to whom delivered and when returned, which account he shall lay before the society at every general meeting, and before committees when called for. He shall keep an exact catalogue of every book and instrument belonging to the society delivered into his charge; and he is to use his best endeavours that the library and all the books and instruments be kept clean and in good order. His salary shall be fixed, every year, by a majority of the society at their annual meeting.

IX.

At every general meeting, the STEWARD shall, at his discretion, provide a sufficient dinner, for defraying the expence of which, every member residing in Charleston, and such country members as shall happen to be in town, shall pay, into the hands of the treasurer, four shillings and eight pence sterling money of the State of South-Carolina, in default whereof every member so neglecting to pay is hereby held accountable to the society for the same.

X.

ANY member duly elected to any of the foregoing offices, and refusing to act, shall forfeit the sum of eighteen shillings and eight pence sterling money of the State of South Carolina, and another shall be immediately chosen in his room; but no member shall be obliged to serve in any office more than once in seven years. Members not residing in Charleston are excepted from the fine above mentioned if they refuse to act in the office to which they shall be elected.

XI.

If either the President, Vice-President or Steward, shall die or depart the State, the members met at the next general meeting of the society shall, by a majority of votes, elect another in his room for the remaining part of the year; but in case of the death, resignation or recess of the Treasurer, Secretary or Librarian, between the days of any general meeting of this society, the committee shall apply to the presiding officer in Charleston, who shall cause advertisements to be fixed up in the most public places, giving notice thereof, and requiring the attendance of all the members of the society at a certain hour on the third day after such notice, to chuse another officer in the room of him so dying, resigning or receding; and the members met in pursuance of such notice shall proceed to the election of another officer, who shall immediately take possession of the monies, books and papers belonging to such vacant office, and shall continue in the same until another person shall be duly elected therein at the next anniversary meeting of the society.

XII.

THIS society shall always have a committee of twelve members; and, at every general meeting of the society, six of the committee shall continue in their office till the next general meeting and six new ones be appointed by the President for the time being, with the

approbation of a majority of the members then present, who shall meet the first Wednesday in every month, or oftener if the business of the society requires it: they are to audit and examine all accounts brought against the society, and report thereupon, at the next general meeting, and no accounts against the society shall be ordered to be paid at any general meeting of the society unless the same have been delivered to the secretary at least ten days before such meeting. They are to see that all orders made at any meeting of the society be put into execution by the respective officers or members to whom they are directed; to them shall be referred all matters laid before the society at any of their meetings and not determined at such meeting, to consider and report on the same at the next general meeting; they are to draw up answers to all letters sent to the society by any foreign correspondents; see to the printing of all papers ordered by the society; collect all lists of books or instruments proposed to be sent for by any of the members; and prepare all kind of business to be laid before the society at their general meetings. At their meeting next before every general meeting of the society, they are to audit and examine the treasurer's accounts, and report upon the same; on any emergent occasion, they are to apply for an extraordinary meeting of the society; and, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, they are hereby themselves empowered to cause the members to be summoned. The committee may adjourn as they think proper; and any three of them met at the appointed place shall have full power to proceed to business. Any member of this society, though not named on a committee, has liberty to attend at all their meetings, and to debate on any arguments, but not give his vote on putting the question. Lists of all committees, the times of their meetings and adjournment, shall be constantly hung up in the library.

XIII.

At every general meeting the secretary shall report to the society the names of such members of the committees as shall have neglect-

ed to attend at their stated times of meeting, during the former quarter, and if such members do not make good and sufficient excuses for their non-attendance, at the next general meeting, to be approved of by a majority of the members then present, they shall be fined in any sum not exceeding nine shillings and four pence sterling money of the State of South-Carolina; and in case the secretary shall neglect to attend at any of the said meetings of the committee, he shall be liable to the same penalties.

XIV.

IN a box provided for the purpose, with three different locks and keys, shall be deposited the Charter of the society, the Common seal, the treasurer's and librarian's bonds, a fair engrossed copy of the rules, and all rights and titles belonging to the society from donations, or purchases they may make; which box shall be lodged in the hands of the President or Vice-President, and not to be opened but upon general or extraordinary meetings of the society; one key of which shall be kept sealed up by the President or Vice-President, the other in like manner by the Treasurer, and the third by the Librarian, who, in case they cannot attend at any meeting of the society, are hereby required to send their respective keys by any of the members, which keys shall be returned to them again, sealed up in the same manner, as soon as the business of the meeting is finished.

XV.

THE Treasurer's and Librarian's bonds shall not be cancelled but by the President for the time being, at a meeting of the society, with the consent of a majority of members then present.

XVI.

ANY person desirous of becoming a member of this society, shall signify the same by a letter directed to the President of the CHARLES-

TON LIBRARY SOCIETY; and the majority of the members not less than thirteen present at any general meeting, shall have power to admit or reject such candidate, which admission or rejection shall be by ballot only. The admission of every member shall be declared by the President, and the Secretary be ordered to give him notice of it.

XVII.

EVERY person admitted a member of this society shall, immediately on his admission, or on or before the next general meeting after notice is given him thereof by the Secretary, pay into the hands of the Treasurer for the time being, the sum of Seven Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Eight Pence sterling money of the State of South-Carolina.

XVIII.

EVERY person, who hath already been or hereafter shall be admitted a member of this society, shall have a Certificate of such his admission under the hand of the President for the time being and the common seal of the society, and countersigned by the Secretary, in the following form:

“ N^o.

“ SOUTH-CAROLINA.

“ *These are to certify, that*

was admitted a member of the

“ **Charleston Library Society,** at

“ *held the* day of

Anno

“ Domini

and is entitled to all the rights of a member of

“ *the said society.*

“ *Given under my hand and the seal*

“ *of the society the day and year*

“ *above written, and in the*

“ *year of American Independence.*

PRESIDENT.”

SECRETARY.

XIX.

EVERY member of this society shall, at every general meeting, pay into the hands of the Treasurer for the time being, at the rate of Eight Pence sterling money of the State of South-Carolina per week, until he has contributed to the stock of the society by his admission-money and weekly quota the sum of ~~Twenty~~ Eight Pounds Eleven Shillings and Six Pence sterling money of the State of South-Carolina, after which he shall not be liable or compellable to pay more than Four Pence sterling money aforesaid per week.

XX.

ANY member who shall neglect to pay his weekly contribution for six months together, shall not be entitled to vote or ballot at any meeting, or attend any committee, of the society, until his arrears are paid up; and to every member so in arrears the committee shall direct the Secretary to write the following letter:

“ Charleston,

“ SIR,

“ I am directed by the Charleston Library Society to inform you
“ that your Weekly contribution has been in arrear since the day
“ of You are therefore requested to pay the same
“ into the hands of the treasurer some time before next general meeting.

“ By order of the society,

SECRETARY.”

AND if any member shall delay paying up his arrears at the next general meeting of the society after the receipt of such letter from the secretary, his name shall be erased from the rules, and from thence forward he shall be utterly debarred and excluded from being a member of this society, and from any right, title or privilege in the books and other effects belonging to the same. Members not in the State,

+ That is 12 years after his admission

for the time they shall be so absent, are hereby excepted, provided every such member after his return into the State discharges the arrears of his weekly contribution within sixty days next after receipt of a letter for that purpose from the secretary.

XXI.

PERSONS not inhabitants of this State, men of distinction or learning, may at any meeting be elected HONORARY Members of this society without being subject to contributions; and if any such members should come into this State they may attend any meetings of the society, but not vote unless they become contributors.

XXII.

EVERY member of this society shall, at the stated hours, have free access to the library and to the use of any of the books or instruments therein. He may also take out of the library any one book or pamphlet, or any number of volumes, giving a receipt for the same, or by a written order directed to the librarian, (except magazines, reviews or pamphlets, which are to remain one month upon the table in the library-room before they shall be allowed to be taken out), which shall be returned to the library within *four* days if a *pamphlet*, *twelve* days if a *duodecimo* or *octavo*, *sixteen* days if a *quarto*, and within *twenty four* days if a *folio*, allowing to every country member a farther time, at the rate of twelve hours for every six miles between Charleston and the place of his residence, under the penalty of one shilling sterling for every twelve hours longer detention of each pamphlet or book.

XXIII.

If any member lend, lose, damage, or detain longer than six months, any pamphlet or book belonging to the society, he shall forfeit double the sterling cost thereof, according to the then course of exchange.

XXIV.

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Any member of this society shall have leave to dispose of his share and interest in the society's stock to any person not a member, with the approbation of a majority of the society at a general meeting; but no member shall dispose of his share of the books and effects of the society to any other member; and if any member, as heir, executor or administrator of another, or by any means whatever shall have a plurality of shares, he shall not have any greater privileges in voting or taking out books than any other member who hath but one share.

XXV.

Any member of this society dying, his share and interest in the society's stock shall be vested in his heir at law, if not bequeathed by will. But the heir or legatee of such member, at the time of his or her application to be admitted to the benefit and privileges of this society, in the room of the deceased, shall first pay up the arrears of the weekly contribution due by the deceased; and also have the approbation of a majority of the members at a general meeting, who have full power to admit or reject such person, which admission or rejection shall be by ballot only; and in case such heir or legatee shall happen to be rejected, yet he or she may dispose of the deceased's share and interest in the society's stock to any person not a member, with the approbation of a majority of the members at a general meeting. The heir or legatee of any member, being a minor, shall not be chargeable with the weekly contribution until such heir or legatee attains an age capable of making use of the library's books; and such minor at the age of sixteen years, (after first obtaining the approbation of a majority of the society, and the executor, trustee or guardian, becoming surety for returning the books such heir or legatee shall borrow free from damage, according to the true intent and meaning of these rules, and paying the weekly contributions after

such heir or legatee attains such age) shall have the same right of borrowing any of the society's books as any other member; provided also, that the weekly contribution of the deceased be paid up to the time of his death.

XXVI.

Repeated ANY sum, not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling, may be laid out yearly in books and such mathematical or philosophical instruments as the society shall judge proper. The remainder of the monies arising to the society from the contributions, fines and forfeitures of the members, interest-money, and from donations which may be made to the society, after the expences of the library and other incident charges are paid, shall be put out at interest on good and sufficient security, in order to raise a fund for endowing and supporting a future academy.

XXVII.

No monies belonging to this society shall be let out at interest by the Treasurer, but by the advice of the committee, and with the consent of the President or Vice-President for the time being.

XXVIII.

ALL bonds and other securities for money shall be taken in the name of, and made payable to, the Charleston Library Society.

XXIX.

No member of this society shall be permitted to borrow any money belonging to the society, or be security for any other borrower of the same.

XXX.

THE Treasurer shall not pay or disburse any of the society's money.

but what he receives an order for signed by the President for the time being, which orders shall only be made at a meeting of the society with the consent of a majority of the members then present.

XXXI.

No books or instruments whatever shall be purchased or sent for, but such as have been proposed at a general meeting; and every member of this society has a right to propose any books or instruments to be sent for he pleases, which shall be taken into the consideration of the society in course.

XXXII.

THE names of benefactors of this society shall be honourably mentioned in a book provided for that purpose; and proper letters of thanks shall be drawn up by the committee for any donations received.

XXXIII.

ON all the books belonging to the society, on the outside of the cover next to the title-page, shall be impressed the words CHARLESTON LIBRARY SOCIETY, and on the back, underneath the title, the initial letters C L S.

XXXIV.

ALL questions in this society shall be determined by a majority of hands or by ballot, if any two members present require it; and if the votes are equal, the President shall have the casting vote.

XXXV.

IF the business of the society should require it, a majority of the members present shall have power to adjourn any general or extraor-

dinary meeting of this society to such time as they think proper;

XXXVI.

NONE of the foregoing rules shall be repealed, nor any new one made, until the same has been proposed and voted twice, and that at general meetings of the society, at which there shall be present not less than Thirty-one members.

XXXVII.

If at any time, any doubt should arise concerning the meaning of any of these rules, the same shall be adjusted and determined by a majority of the members present at any general meeting of the society.

THE END.

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